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Marlene H. Dortch Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington DC 20554

In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

Dear Secretary Dortch,

The Montana State Library is extremely pleased to support the American Library Association's nomination of Linda Lord to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors to serve as the library representative.

As the Maine State Librarian and current Chair of the American Library Association E-rate Task Force, Ms. Lord provides solid leadership to State E-Rate Coordinators via ALA's Office of Information Technology Policy and to State Librarians across the country. Ms. Lord clearly understands the telecommunications needs of U.S. libraries as she exemplified during her testimony before the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation earlier this summer.

In additional to her experience and expertise, Ms. is knowledgeable, cheerful, dedicated and thoughtful. She would make an excellent addition to the USAC Board. Thank you for your consideration of Ms. Lord's nomination.

Sincerely,

Jennie Stapp

Montana State Librarian